## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARVEL MA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 6:11-cv-3048-BP
	)	
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF	)	
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

## **DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE**

COMES NOW Defendant Board of Governors of Missouri State University (the "University" or "MSU"), by and through its attorneys TUETH KEENEY COOPER MOHAN & JACKSTADT, P.C., and hereby moves for an order *in limine* precluding Plaintiff and any witnesses called by Plaintiff from mentioning to the jury or introducing into evidence any matters relating to the following:

1. Evidence of statements allegedly made by or correspondence sent by individuals employed by Liaoning Normal University ("LNU") who work/worked at the LNU-MSU College of International Business ("COIB"), including the Dean of the COIB (Guangcai Dong), the Associate Deans COIB (Phillip Whittkorn, Dan Shepherd, and Mike Coutts), any other instructors or staff members of the COIB (e.g., Charlie Kong, Richard Bartell, Tom Lightner, Richard Miller, David Morrill, Frank Manuel, and Lori Gong), and any former employees of MSU if such statements or correspondence occurred after the termination of their employment with MSU (e.g., Yongwei Zhang and Frank Manuel);

- Evidence of alleged absences of other COIB instructors and subsequent treatment or discipline;
- Evidence of salary or pay of COIB instructors other than Plaintiff and any alleged disparate pay among such instructors;
- 4. Evidence of alleged stray remarks of Dan Shepherd;
- 5. Evidence of any alleged misconduct of Dan Shepherd unrelated to Plaintiff's termination or employment, including evidence relating to any alleged relationship between Shepherd and a student, evidence relating to Shepherd's relationship with other COIB instructors and staff, and evidence relating to Shepherd's resignation as Associate Dean of the COIB;
- 6. Evidence of any alleged misconduct of Mike Coutts, including evidence relating to any alleged claims of sexual harassment or any alleged relationship between Coutts and a student;
- 7. Evidence of any alleged misconduct of other COIB instructors unrelated to missing classes or absenteeism;
- 8. Evidence regarding the termination or non-renewal of other COIB instructors who are not Chinese;
- 9. Evidence regarding any complaints from current or former students or instructors regarding the COIB, LNU, or MSU that are unrelated to Plaintiff's claim that he was terminated due to his Chinese race or national origin;
- Evidence of Plaintiff's performance as an instructor at the COIB unrelated to missing classes or absenteeism;

- 11. Evidence of MSU's internal audit of the COIB and any other articles, publications, evidence or testimony detailing operational concerns or problems with the COIB;
- 12. Audio recordings;
- 13. Evidence of claims for back pay and a housing allowance for any period of time after the term of Plaintiff's 2009-2010 employment contract;
- 14. Evidence of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees and court costs incurred as part of the litigation he pursued against LNU in China;
- 15. Evidence of Plaintiff's financial condition;
- 16. Evidence regarding the University's insurance coverage;
- 17. Evidence regarding punitive damages;
- 18. Conclusory statements and speculation, inquiry, or comment about the intent or state of mind of others;
- 19. Inquiry or comment regarding attorney-client matters;
- 20. Evidence of settlement offers and responses and discussions related thereto;
- 21. Inquiry or comment about testimony of other witnesses; and
- 22. Equally available (or unavailable) evidence.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein and in the accompanying Suggestions in Support, which are incorporated herein by reference, the University respectfully requests that the Court enter its order, *in limine*, prohibiting Plaintiff and any witnesses called to testify on behalf of Plaintiff from mentioning or entering into evidence any matters referred to above, and for such further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this  $2^{nd}$  day of September, 2014, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record. In addition, the foregoing was served by electronic mail upon the following:

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